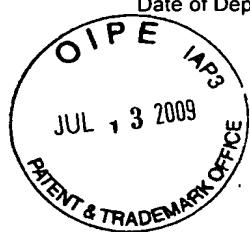


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In re Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/821,732) Examiner Kailash C. Srivastava
Filing Date: April 8, 2004) Group Art Unit No. 1657
For: Methods for Measuring Bacteria,)
Bacteria Measuring Apparatuses,)
and Storage Media for Storing)
Computer-Executable Programs for)
Analyzing Bacteria)

RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 12, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this communication.